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1. The following is the organization of Chinese Communist "volunteers" sent to North Korea:
- Combat forces, nominally volunteers, were mobilized by the Chinese People's Committee to Uphold World Peace and Oppose American Aggression, which was organized by various political parties under the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).
 - The top command is the Chinese People's Volunteer Army Headquarters (VAH) at Mukden, with LIN Piao as commander and KAO Kang as political commissar. The Political Department and the Supply and Service Command are staffed by personnel of the Chinese Communist Army Supreme Headquarters, 4 Field Army Headquarters and Northeast Military District Headquarters. The VAH has an advisers' office containing Soviets and a liaison office containing both North Koreans and Chinese Communists.
 - The CCP now plans to have a total of fifteen armies under the VAH: two from the 1 Field Army (FA), one from the 2 FA, two from the 3 FA, six from the 4 FA, three from the Northeast Military District (formerly 4 FA troops) and one from the 20 Army Group. Any additional forces needed will not come entirely from field armies but will be local troops of the Northeast and other military districts and militia integrated into the present command structure.
 - Combat commands, established as needed under the VAH, are supervised on the political commissar level by the Chinese Communist Ambassador to North Korea, MI Chih-liang. Since armies are the basic units, personnel above army level serve as staff officers of combat commands and of the VAH; e.g., CHEN Po-chun* exercises command in Korea as combat commander of forces actually in combat, not as 12 Army Group commander.

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Comment. It is believed that this report is probably a faithful reflection of the organization of the Chinese high command structure for Korea.

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* Comment. concerning CH'EN's command, Korea.

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